

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Amended) A peptide less than 50 amino acids in length, wherein the peptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and inhibits c-jun amino terminal kinase (JNK) phosphorylation of a JNK targeted transcription factor selected from the group consisting of c-Jun, ATF2, and Elk1.
2. – 19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously Amended) A composition comprising the peptide of claim 1, and a carrier.
21. – 22. (Cancelled)
23. (Currently Amended) A chimeric peptide less than 50 amino acids in length comprising the amino acid ~~sequence~~ sequences of SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:8, wherein said peptide inhibits c-jun amino terminal kinase (JNK) phosphorylation of a JNK targeted transcription factor selected from the group consisting of c-Jun, ATF2, and Elk1.
24. (Previously Amended) A peptide less than 50 amino acids in length comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:15, wherein said peptide inhibits c-jun amino terminal kinase (JNK) phosphorylation of a JNK targeted transcription factor selected from the group consisting of c-Jun, ATF2, and Elk1.
25. (Previously Added) A peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
26. (Currently Amended) A chimeric peptide less than 50 amino acids in length comprising the amino acid ~~sequence~~ sequences of SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:10 wherein said peptide inhibits c-jun amino terminal kinase (JNK) phosphorylation of a JNK targeted transcription factor selected from the group consisting of c-Jun, ATF2, and Elk1.

27. (Previously Added) A peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:15.
28. (Currently Amended) A chimeric peptide consisting of the amino acid ~~sequence~~
sequences of SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:10.
29. (Currently Amended) A chimeric peptide consisting of the amino acid ~~sequence~~
sequences of SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:8.
30. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising the peptide of claim 25, ~~26~~, 27, 28 or
29 and a carrier.
31. (Previously Added) A composition comprising the peptide of claim 23 and a carrier.
32. (Previously Added) A composition comprising the peptide of claim 24 and a carrier.
33. (New) A composition comprising the peptide of claim 26 and a carrier.